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In re Application of:)	Art Unit:
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Appln. No.: 10/670,136)	Washington, D.C.
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For: OPTICAL FIBER ARRAY AND)	June 17, 2004
SUBSTRATE FOR THE...)	
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REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Mail Stop
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached two (2) sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 10 and 12. These sheets, which include Figs. 10 and 12, replace the original sheets including Figs. 10 and 12. In both figures, the reference number "12" indicating the side surface of V-shaped groove 5 is changed to "5a". Each crest "5a" of the V-shaped groove 5 in each cross section also shows the gradually lowered height of the crest "5a", as described in the paragraphs [0057] and [0065].

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (2)
 Annotated Sheets Showing Changes (2)